GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF CARPENTER OF HP IN SC LIST
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that carpenter has been given the status of Scheduled caste in India under Article 341 of the Constitution but an anomaly has been created in the case of people belonging to carpenter community residing in new areas of Himachal Pradesh which were included in the State after reorganization of State in 1966 as they are not given the status of Scheduled Caste; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to remove this anomaly?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(b) As per provision under Article 341 of the Constitution, the list of Scheduled Caste has been notified for each State/Union Territory. `Carpenter` has not been notified as Scheduled Caste.

A proposal for inclusion of `Tarkhan` community, whose main profession is stated to be wood/iron work, in the list of Scheduled Caste for Himachal Pradesh, which was recommended by the State Government has been processedas per approved modalities. The State Government has been requested for sending additional information.